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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE I PROPOSE TO HAND TO
AMBASSADOR THEMIDO NEXT WEEK. WOULD APPRECIATE APPROVAL.

"SECRETARY KISSINGER AND FOREIGN MINISTER
SOARES HAVE AGREED THAT THE QUESTION OF COMPEN-
SATION TO BE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES FOR
THE CONTINUATION OF ITS RIGHTS TO USE LAJES
BASE IN THE AZORES SHOULD BE TREATED AS SEPARATE
FROM THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH ARE GOING ON WITH
RESPECT TO HOW THE UNITED STATES MIGHT ASSIST
PORTUGAL IN DEALING WITH THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES
IT IS EXPERIENCING.

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DEFENSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES

IN THE AZORES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES

OF IMPROVING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US AND PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES AND OF DEVELOPING COOPERATIVE PROJECTS WHICH WOULD BENEFIT THE INHABITANTS OF THE AZORES. IN THE MILITARY FIELD WE WOULD SUGGEST DISCUSSING GREATER COOPERATION IN ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE AND WAYS OF MODERNIZING THE PORTUGUESE FORCES. PROJECTS DESIGNED TO BENEFIT THE INHABITANTS OF THE AZORES COULD INCLUDE THOSE SUGGESTED BY THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IN THE LISTING OF ASSISTANCE PROJECTS FOR THE AZORES SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN SEPTEMBER, BUT COULD ALSO INCLUDE OTHER IDEAS.

"AT A TIME SUITABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL, OUR DELEGATIONS COULD BEGIN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF THESE SUGGESTIONS. NATURALLY, THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONSIDER ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL WOULD LIKE TO ADVANCE.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS HOPEFUL THAT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS COULD BEGIN BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS."

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